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INTERESTING MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Members Discuss Subjects Vital to City's Progress. Lecture by R. T. Scott Very Entertaining.

Regular meeting of the Commercial Club was held at the Broadway Hotel Tuesday May 9th. This meeting was declared by the President on opening to have no connection whatever with the regular business of the club. So business was forgotten. The evening was devoted to the banquet and some very able addresses following the banquet. Some 60 members were present, and the following visitors: C. C. Brown of Pittsburg, Kansas; R. T. Scott who is a guest of R. M. Callaway; G. E. Prince of the Federal Market bureau; J. W. Stroud of Rogers, Arkansas; F. E. Engleman; Fred Seamster.

Earl Callaway president of the club acted as toastmaster, introducing Mr. Prince, who made a very interesting address in regard to the work he will do in Monett, during the strawberry season. His work this year was made possible by the federal bureau of markets and the state bureau combining their efforts and by this arrangement have established an office in Monett giving information covering the movement of strawberries from all sections of United States, that would be of interest to the growers located in the district reached by the Monett office. This information will be very valuable to the associations in this district. The office makes reports daily on the marketing question, weather condition, number of cars moving and the amounts represented by less than car lots shipments. Mr. Prince will have an office in the assembly room in the First National Bank building and will be glad to have any one interested in the market to call on him.

Mr. R. T. Scott, was the next gentleman to entertain the club, and he told us of his experiences in Africa especially in regard to his visit to Zulu. He gave us some interesting information in regard to his native language and costumes, incidentally mentioning the fact that he had taken some kodak pictures of the Zulu chief's daughters, of which he had several, some of the members wanted to start immediately for Africa. One feature of Mr. Scott's address gave information as to the way Africa feels toward America. He advises us that the natives look upon America, as the dark continent. Mr. Scott has traveled extensively, has quite a collection of curios, which he has gathered in his travels, and it has been worth while to have him with us.

Next on the program was C. C. Brown, of Pittsburg, Kansas, a coach in the High school at that point. It seems that Mr. Brown was drawn to Monett, on account of hearing of our athletic activities. A proof of the fact that our supremacy of athletics in this district has given us very favorable advertising.

H. A. Gardner was next on the program, representing the school board and made a strong plea for the program of building and improvements that has been outlined by our school board. Mr. Gardner assured the audience and we want this information to reach the general public,

that the tax levies now in effect will take care of the bonds and interest and we will have no more school taxes to pay on the same valuation.

Mr. Gardner referred to the morals of the high school pupils, and while some high schools in other sections have had unfavorable reports he advises that nothing can be charged against the pupils of the Monett high school. This program as arranged by the board calls for a ward school on Marshall Hill and a ward school where Central now stands. This building will be four rooms and pupils now accommodated in this Central school, who are in the higher grades, will be accommodated in the junior high school. The new high school building, will be located just east of the old building and this will give the junior high school the benefit of the association of the high school students, that will have a tendency to create a greater desire among the students to finish their courses and will also give them access to the equipment of the high school. Mr. Gardner made a strong plea for the bond issue and advised the citizens of Monett that the school board is open to any suggestion that will improve their program.

F. E. Engleman Superintendent of schools, was next called upon. His talk was largely emphasis on the address of Mr. Gardner, impressing upon us the need of additional buildings and equipment. Mr. Engleman advises that the morale of the boys of High school is much higher during the athletics than during the intermission that has been followed in the past on account of lack of equipment.

He feels sure that with the new High school building especially equipped that the higher moral standard will be maintained and that the grades will work harder than they have in the past. And in the new high school building a provision will be made for the young ladies, and he feels the same conditions will exist in regard to them. Mr. Engleman advised us, in the very near future, it will be necessary for him to leave Monett. He thanked us for support Monett has given him also for other gifts which would keep Monett in his memory for life. He had reference to his wife. There is doubt in our minds as to whether we gave her to him or whether he stole her. At any rate there is a serious loss to have Mr. Engleman leave us, and we can only hope that his successor will continue the work he has been doing and Mr. Engleman advises that this can only be made possible by the co-operation of the citizens of Monett. The Monett Commercial Club wishes Mr. Engleman all the good things that can come his way.

J. W. Stroud secretary of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association, gave a short talk in regard to strawberries and while this was his subject, he also was so enthusiastic as to the school question that he made this a part of his address. He had just attended a luncheon given by the Rotary Club Tuesday noon, and they have the same proposition before them at Rogers. In fact it seems to be a serious proposition where towns are increasing in size, where it is necessary to build new buildings and increase facilities.

F. P. Sizor, was called upon to present the Highway situation at this

BONUS CHECKS BEING SENT OUT.

Missouri Veterans Being Paid at Rate Of 500 Daily. Many Mistakes In Applications.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 10.—Bonus claims of Missouri veterans who served in the world war are being paid at the rate of about 500 daily, says Secretary William Phillips of the State Soldiers' Bonus Commission.

During the first week, in which checks were sent to former service men, the work was somewhat slow, while the commission was getting organized for the inspection, checking and rechecking of each soldier's record. Eight hundred and fifty claims were paid, however, during the week. "More than two-thirds of the claims which are being made by men applying for the bonus are incorrectly filled out on the application blanks and have to be returned to the applicants," Secretary Phillips says. "Many of the men forget to have notaries attest to their statements. Others forget to give their addresses and some even forget to sign their names. And then, of course, we receive many claims which we are not able to check from our records here and have to send to Washington to have their records verified."

The bonus commission, swamped for weeks with incoming mail before the application blanks were printed and sent out, is still receiving a large number of letters daily regarding individual claims. Some of the men who have received their bonus are writing with the explanation that they have not received the full amount due them. All of the letters received thus far have been those of men who think they have been underpaid ten dollars.

The difference between the bonus commission's figures and those of the former service man in each instance have been due to the manner in which the former soldier figures his service and that in which the commission counts service. The soldier enlisting early in May, 1917, and discharged in April, 1918, believes himself entitled to pay for both months as well as for the intermittent months in which he was in the service. The commission's manner of figuring the amount of time the man has been in the army, navy or marines is based upon the actual number of months between the day on which the man entered the service and the day on which he was discharged.

VEGETABLE PLANTS
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We have not made any material progress since we finished marking our Highway in Barry County. Considerable changes have been made in the state engineering department, which will cause some delay. E. H. Piepmeyer formerly of Appleton City and a graduate of the University of Missouri, has been named as state Highway engineer. A division office of the state road commission will be opened in Joplin, at once. Mr. Ray Dunlap, will be the engineer in charge of this office, at Joplin.

The Commercial Club is not at all satisfied with the attitude of the Springfield people, in regard to the highway. The club should have some committees doing some active work in Barry County, in order to bring about this condition and to secure the aid of such trade centers as should have voluntarily offered us this aid. Mr. Sizor pleaded for a larger membership in the Barry County Capital Highway Auxiliary. Our membership doesn't compare favorably with the adjoining counties that are striving to secure this primary highway through this country. He pleaded that every citizen become a member of this association. We need the moral support and if we send out committees, we must pay at least the actual expenses and it takes money. Mr. Sizor became so enthused on the school question that he also had something to say in regard to the school program.

We have two very big propositions before us in the matter of bond issue for the schools and the securing of the primary highway. Please do not wait for "George" to do it, for "George" isn't big enough to handle it and while you are waiting for "George" to do it, "George" is also waiting on you.

We hope every man, woman and child in Monett will get behind both of these propositions, so that in the very near future, Monett can advertise to the world that we have placed our schools on an up-to-date basis and have secured this highway.

COUNCIL HOLDS ADJOURNED MEETING

An adjourned meeting of the Monett city council was held Tuesday afternoon. In addition to routine matters a resolution was passed to advertise for bids on the city park bonds, which amount to \$25,000. They adjourned until May 22nd, when the bids for the park bonds will be opened.

WALDENSIAN CHURCH

On account of the baccalaureate services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, Mother's Day services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. and Sunday school at 11 o'clock a. m. at the Waldensian church.

Rev. F. F. Dobson, Pastor.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The following births and deaths have been reported by Dr. Wm. West, local registrar:

Births.
March 20. To Gleason B. and Bessie Ethel Bowen, boy, John Thomas.

March 20. To Harold and Ruby D. Ash, boy, Harold Ernest.

March 2. To Harry M. and Mary Opal Lebean, girl, Marjorie Kathleen.

March 2. To Wm. H. and Sirena Smith, boy, Jack Richard.

March 27. To Joseph and Jennie Pearl Webb, girl, Neoma Motie.

March 28. To Lafa and Opal Roller, boy, Billie.

Feb. 25. To Aultia and Florence Kennedy, boy, Glen Forest.

April 11. To Clarence M. and Maud J. Prevo, boy, Billie Brown.

April 24. To Walter J. and Isabell Feehan, girl, Marie Louise.

Deaths.

April 12, female, 72 years, 11 months, 18 days, influenza.

April 14, male, 34 years, 8 months, 13 days, phthisis pulmonalis.

April 26, female, 34 years, 2 months 19 days, cardiac embolus.

SEEDS

Cow peas and cane seed. Whitlock-Lines. 6246

RAIL BOARD MAKES IMPORTANT RULING.

Contracting Shop Repair Work to Outside Firms by Roads Declared Transportation Act Violation

Chicago, May 10.—Contracting repair work to outside firms by a railroad company was declared a violation of the transportation act, and contract provisions conflicting with the wages and working rules laid down by the United States railroad labor board were branded illegal in a decision handed down by the board today. The decision was characterized by the board as the most important it has rendered since its establishment.

The decision, which is the first of a series of judgments to be handed down on disputes over "farming out" railroad labor, was made in a controversy between the union shop crafts and the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. The board declared its announcement went "to the vitals of the transportation act."

"No more important dispute," the decision added, "has ever come before this board for adjudication." While the decision applied only to the one road, which last September contracted its repair work to the Burnham Car Repair Company. The general principles established will govern all subsequent decisions.

There are thirty-six such cases pending before the board, involving seventeen railroads and union officials have intimated that unless they can escape the rapid spread of contracting shop work, there will be a flood of protests filed before the board.

Each case, however, will be decided on its own merits, the board announced, but the principles of the Indiana Harbor Belt decision will stand.

Under today's decision, thousands of former railway employees now working for contractors at wages

CLOSING OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Friday night, May 12, Senior Play, Rialto Theatre.

Saturday night, May 13, Annual Junior-Senior reception, Masonic Hall Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, May 14, Baccalaureate Services, Methodist church.

Monday night, May 15, Gold Medal Declamatory Contest, High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, May 15, 9 a. m., Senior Day Program, High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, May 15, 8 p. m., Eighth grade promotion Exercises, High school Auditorium.

Thursday, May 18, 10 a. m., High School Commencement Exercises, Rialto Theatre.

ARNHART

Sunday school and prayer services every Sunday morning and evening at this place.

Misses Opal and Ruby Lowery and Emma and Lena Marbut visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hemphill Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Daugherty visited Miss Pearl Ghann, Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Marbut and daughter Myrtle visited Mr. and Mrs. Terry and family Sunday.

Alvin Bennett was the dinner guest of Earl Shepherd, Sunday.

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varying from the labor board scale as formally brought back under the board's jurisdiction.

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